

QUESTIONS/INFORMATION REQUESTS IN REGARD TO WIND DEVELOPMENT:

10-05-04

1. Will wind towers as proposed on Red Oak Knob and Tamarack Ridge interfere with communications at the Green Bank Observatory, Sugar Grove Naval Base or locally with cell phone reception or emergency services communications?

Green Bank-no problem according to Roberta Lambert.

Sugar Grove Naval Base-still checking.

Cell phone and emergency service-see attached AWEA Q & A's.

2. Will the Naval / Air Force training runs be a problem for the windmills?

No, the 400 foot wind turbines are well beneath the 1000 foot clearance level and will be officially signed off on during the FAA approval process.

3. Can we limit the height of all wind turbines, towers etc. to 300 feet?

We are asking for 400 feet to accommodate the most efficient and appropriate turbines for the area to rise above the tree lines.

4. Can the applicant provide assurance that towers will be removed when no longer in operation?

Yes.

Can the applicant define a reasonable time limit for removal?

Nine months.

Can bonding be provided as an assurance of their removal?

Yes. Surety bonds are now available.

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5. Can an environmental impact study be provided to the County prior to the public hearing?

No, the environmental review will likely take nine to twelve months to complete and be very expensive based on preliminary studies already performed. We have been told by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that it will require an environmental study of the project as part of our DEQ permit process.

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6. Can a guarantee be provided by the applicant of the amount of revenue the County will receive for a period of 25 years?

No, unless the State Corporation Commission and the County is willing to enter into an agreement in lieu of taxes

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7. Is it legal to structure a separate agreement in lieu of taxes if state and / or federal legislation circumvents Highland's tax revenue from this project—in order for the County to remain whole in regard to the revenue stream? (Note similarity to question above.)

Yes, based on our understanding that similar agreements have been entered into in the past in Virginia.

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8. What federal and state agencies are the applicant required to file an application with and receive approvals or permits from?

State Corporation Commission-this review includes overview of the applicant's financial status and experience, site characteristics, economic impacts, historic resources, interconnection requirements and needs, environmental impacts including coordination with DEQ on environmental issues and Federal Aviation Administration lighting requirements.

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9. Will Highland New Wind Development provide an extensive computer simulation that will depict the visual impact of these units from a variety of locations throughout the county, including each neighbor within visible site of the proposed locations?

An extensive computer simulation would be very expensive which is why the applicant agreed to conduct an extensive site visit which included a review of the site as seen from neighboring residences.

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10. Does Highland New Wind Development currently have a development partner with experience in the industry?

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11. Does Highland New Wind Development currently have plans for an immediate upgrade of the existing transmission line to include more units (totaling approximately 50 MW), and thereby a second proposal, if the first one is approved?

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